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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF DOCUMENTS

Documents A16, A25, A58, A59, A60 and A61 were cited as being relevant in the corresponding International Application, PCT/US03/19885. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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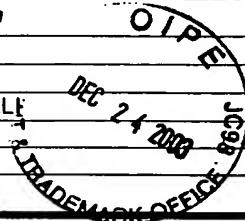
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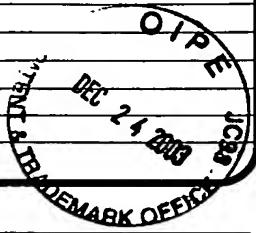
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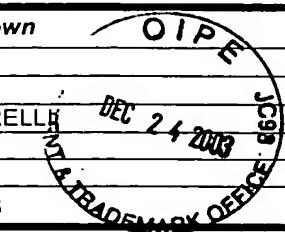
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